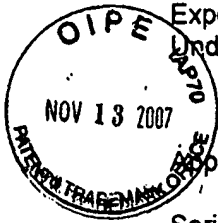


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following arguments for establishing that all of the present claims patentably distinguish over the teachings of the prior art applied in this Office Action mailed August 10, 2007.

Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims presented for consideration by the Examiner patentably distinguish over the teachings of the prior art applied by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007, that is, the teachings of the U.S. patents to Gerdes, et al., No. 4,719,135, to Huang, et al., No. 3,683,044, and to Tashiro, et al., No. 3,704,229, under the provisions of 35 USC 103.

It is respectfully submitted that these references as applied by the Examiner would have neither taught nor would have suggested such a fuel system as in the present claims, having the coating layer as recited in claim 1, the coating layer being

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